

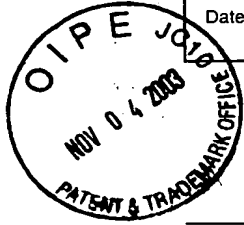
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Dear Madam:

This response addressed the Election/Restriction requirement dated set forth in the Office Action mailed May 1, 2003 (Paper No. 4).

The Examiner has indicated that the application contains multiple embodiments that are patentably distinct from one another and create patentably distinct designs. The embodiments have been divided into four distinct groupings, Groups I to IV.

Accordingly, Applicant elects to proceed with Group I, claims 1-4 and 7, without prejudice with respect to any non-elected claims.

If the Examiner has any questions with respect to this communication, she is kindly urged to call the undersigned.

It is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance.

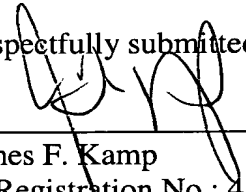
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